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THE YEMENS: Dissatisfaction is reportedly wide-spread in Sana over the unity agreement Prime Minister al-Ayni signed with Aden last weekend.

Many Sana military and tribal leaders were angered, because al-Ayni allegedly went beyond the terms of his instructions without consulting other leaders back home in Sana. Al-Ayni's opponents argue that unity-even though it is set for a year from now--is an unrealistic goal in view of the extreme leftist stance of Aden's leadership. They also contend that the agreement papers over the deep differences between the two Yemens, and that Aden pressed for it as a tactic to remove the military threat Sana presented. Some Sana officials sympathetic to al-Ayni, on the other hand, defend the agreement as necessary because the military effort to overthrow Aden proved unsuccessful and Kuwait, Algeria, and Iraq were pressing for conciliation.

Al-Ayni's foes, particularly the tribal leaders, could attempt to torpedo the negotiations with Aden envisaged in the recent agreement.

meantime, Prime Minister al-Ayni has left Cairo en route to Algeria; he will also make a stop-over in Libya before returning to Sana to face his critics.

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